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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU
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FOR AA/AFR BUTCHER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID, LT
SUBJECT: LESOTHO ROAD PROJECT

REF.: A. NAIROBI 9568, B. MASERU 1125, C. STATE 179995,

1. I MUCH APPRECIATE REF C RESPONSE WHICH WE INTERPRET AS OUR
COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO UNDERTAKE LESOTHO ROAD PROJECT, I.E.
"IN ABSENCE OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS".

2. AS WE APPROACH NEXT STAGE, WE MUST KEEP UPPERMOST IN MIND THAT
THE GOL REGARDS THIS AS AN EMERGENCY PROJECT OF HIGHEST PRIORITY.
THIS POINT HAS BEEN REITERATED IN GOL CONTACTS WITH OSARAC, REDSO
AND EMBASSY. EMERGENCY ASPECT WAS RECOGNIZED BY FARAH MISSION AND
ENDORSED BY USUN SPOKESMAN AT TIME REPORT WAS DISCUSSED (USUN 1664).
AS FURTHER ILLUSTRATION OF CONTINUING URGENT POLITICAL ASPECT
OF THE PROJECTED ROAD OPPOSITE TRANSKEI, FONMIN MOLAPO INQUIRED
ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE PORJECT ON AUGUST 1; AND ON AUGUST 2 WE
WERE TOLD BY KEY MINISTRY OFFICIAL THAT THE ROAD HAS BEEN
REGULARLY DISCUSSED AT GOL CABINET MEETINGS.

3. IN EARLIER RESPONSE TO THESE PRESSURES, OSARAC/REDSO PERSONNEL
EXPLORED WITH SENIOR GOL OFFICIALS ABOUT WAYS OF EXPEDITING
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CONTRACTING PROCEDURES THAT WOULD (A) BRING CONSULTANT TEAM
HERE EARLY THIS MONTH WITH (B) REPORT COMPLETED OCTOBER 1, AND
(C) PP SUBMITTED AID/W EARLY NOVEMBER (REF A). OMISSION IN REF C
OF ANY REFERENCE TO THIS SCHEDULE IS THEREFORE MOST DISTURBING,
NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO NEGLECT EARLIER COMMITMENT
(THEREBY DOWNGRADING THE URGENCY OF THE PROJECT) BUT ABOVE ALL
BECAUSE IT AFFECTS OUR CREDIBILITY AT THIS IMPORTANT EARLY STAGE

OF THE PROJECT.

4. WHILE I APPRECIATE FACT THAT STATUTORY REGULATIONS PREVENT
DECOMPRESSION OF TIMEFRAME BEYOND CERTAIN LIMITS, I AM TAKING
THIS MEANS TO URGE YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION TO SEE THAT TARGET
DATES OUTLINED REFTTEL A BE MAINTAINED AND VIGOROUSLY PURSUED. I
KNOW YOU AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CREDIBILITY AND
MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AS WE BEGIN THIS NEW PHASE. YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS
AND ASSISTANCE IN UPHOLDING OUR CREDIBILITY WILL BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED.STOKES

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